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Second Community Forum on Alternatives to Landfills to be Held by the Hartford Neighborhood Environmental Partnership

The Hartford Neighborhood Environmental Partnership (HNEP)*, a coalition of Hartford groups and organizations that work together for an environmentally healthy Hartford, is sponsoring another community forum on March 29, 2005 to discuss issues related to the impending closure of the Hartford landfill. The discussion will center around how could we reduce the production of waste and alternatives to creating and disposing of trash. The forum will be held at the Keney Park Pond House at 323 Edgewood Street in Hartford and it will begin at 6 pm with a light dinner at 5:30 pm.

The March 29th forum is one of many that have been sponsored recently by HNEP. One held at the public library last October focused on the potential health effects of the Hartford landfill. Scheduled panelists for March 29th include Richard Parmlee from the Hartford Environmental Justice Network, Judith Belaval, Senior Environmental Analyst of the Department of Environmental Protection, Dr. Robert Painter from the Hartford City Council, and Paul Nonnenmacher of the Connecticut Resource Recovery Authority. The forum will consist of presentations by each of the panelists and it will be followed by a question and answer session.

The forum is free and open to the public, however we would appreciate if you call 509-3710 or e-mail (HNEP1@aol.com) to let us that you plan to attend.

* The Hartford Neighborhood Environmental Partnership (HNEP), is a coalition of the Asylum Hill Problem Solving & Revitalization Association, City of Hartford – CT Department of Environmental Health & Human Services, City of Hartford – Public Works, Coalition to Strengthen the Sheldon/Charter Oak Neighborhood (CSS/CON), CT Department of Environmental Protection, Farmington Avenue alliance, Hartford 2000, Hartford Areas Rally Together (HART), Hartford Environmental Justice Network (HEJN), Hartford Public Library, Interreligious Eco-Justice Network, Knox Parks Foundation, Metropolitan District Commission (MDC), ONE/CHANE, UCONN Environmental Research Institute, US Environmental Protection Agency.

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